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SUBJECT: INSTRUCTIONS TO WHITEHOUSE

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM EAGLEBURGER

1. BRENT TELLS ME YOU WANT A DRAFT INSTRUCTION TO WHITEHOUSE IN REACTION TO HIS CONVERSATION WITH PANYARACHUN. SUGGESTED TEXT FOLLOWS:
2. I HAVE READ WITH INTEREST THE REPORT OF YOUR CONVERSATION WITH PANYARACHUN AND MUST TELL YOU IN ALL CANDOR THAT I FIND YOUR RESPONSES TO PANYARACHUN'S POINTS UNACCEPTABLE. YOU WERE EXCESSIVELY DEFENSIVE, OVERLY ACCOMMODATING, AND LACKING IN FIRMNESS IN YOUR REPLIES TO HIS "TRUCULENCE."
3. I THOUGHT I HAD MADE IT CLEAR BEFORE YOUR DEPARTURE FOR BANGKOK THAT OUR POSITION WITH REGARD TO WITHDRAWALS OF U.S. FORCES FROM THAILAND WAS THAT WE WOULD ACT IN RESPONSE TO REQUESTS BY THE THAI GOVERNMENT, AND THAT WE WERE NEITHER TO SEEK TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO PROPOSE WITHDRAWALS NOR TO PROPOSE WITHDRAWALS OF OUR OWN.

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4. LET ME REITERATE ONCE AGAIN OUR POSITION:

(A) THE THAI DO NOT DO A FAVOR FOR US BY MAINTAINING
POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND MILITARY RELATIONSHIPS. BOTH

COUNTRIES BENEFIT, AND BOTH COUNTRIES WILL SUFFER, IF
THOSE RELATIONSHIPS ARE WEAKENED.

(B) WE WILL REDUCE OUR MILITARY PRESENCE IN THAILAND IN
RESPONSE TO REQUESTS FROM THE THAI GOVERNMENT.

(C) WE DO NOT REPEAT NOT INTEND TO PRESENT THE THAI WITH
ANY PLANS FOR WITHDRAWAL AND BASE CLOSURES. WE WILL BE
RESPONSIVE TO THAI REQUESTS BUT WE WILL NOT REPEAT NOT
BE PREPARED TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF OUR OWN.

(D) THE MILITARY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THAILAND AND THE U.S.
IS AND HAS BEEN OF VALUE TO BOTH GOVERNMENTS. THAI
OFFICIALS AT ALL LEVELS MUST UNDERSTAND THAT AS THAT
PRESENCE IS REDUCED, THAI INTERESTS WILL SUFFER.

5. AS TO INTELLIGENCE COLLABORATION, WE HAVE NOTHING FOR
WHICH TO APOLOGIZE. THE THAI HAVE BENEFITTED AT LEAST
AS MUCH AS WE; IF THEY WANT TO CUT BACK ON THE PROGRAM
SO BE IT. BUT IT IS THEY WHO MUST MAKE THAT DECISION; WE
ARE NOT IN THE BUSINESS OF ACCOMMODATING TO WHAT WE PER-

CEIVE TO BE THEIR DESIRES BEFORE THEY HAVE FORMALLY PUT
THEM FORWARD.

6. IN ANY FURTHER CONVERSATIONS YOU MAY HAVE WITH THAI
OFFICIALS, I WILL EXPECT THIS LINE TO BE FOLLOWED
METICULOUSLY; I WILL EXPECT YOU TO RESPOND TO "TRUCULENT"
AND UNREASONABLE THAI APPROACHES WITH FIRMNESS AND
DIGNITY. IF YOUR OWN PERSONAL VIEWS ARE SO STRONGLY AT
VARIANCE WITH THIS POLICY THAT YOU FEEL UNPREPARED TO
CARRY IT OUT, WE WILL BE PREPARED TO ACT ACCORDINGLY. INGERSOLL

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